



## **Law Enforcement Update: New Mandated Reporting Requirements Effective 12/1/2019**

### **Information Needed from Reporting Individual**

- All information as is known to the individual making the report
  - Name, address, age of juvenile;
  - Name and address of juvenile's parent, guardian, or caretaker;
  - Name, address, and age of person who committed the reported offense;
  - Location of reported offense;
  - Names and ages of other juveniles present or in danger;
  - Current whereabouts of juvenile (if not juvenile's home address);
  - Nature and extent of any injury or condition resulting from the reported offense;
  - Any other information in which the officer/report taker feels is relevant for establishing law enforcement involvement

### **Duties Established from Mandated Reporting Changes**

- If any law enforcement officer finds as a result from a report that a juvenile may be abused, neglected, or dependent (7B-101) the law enforcement officer shall:
  - Make an oral report as soon as practicable; and
  - Make a subsequent written report of the findings to the director of the department of social services **within 48 hours after discovery of evidence**

### **Other Relevant Reporting Information**

- Identity of report maker must be protected unless disclosure is required (GS 132-1.4©(4))
- There is good faith immunity built in
- Those exempted from reporting:
  - Attorneys with attorney-client privilege
  - Agents of rape crisis centers and sexual assault agencies
  - Agents of domestic violence service providers
  - Counselors/Therapists/Social Workers
  - Psychologists
- Those explicitly not exempted from reporting:
  - Doctors
  - Agents of a faith community
  - Community leaders

### **Crimes Included:**

- Serious Bodily Injury
- Serious Physical Injury
- Sexually violent Offense (Including attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit)
- Violent Offenses: any offense that inflicts serious bodily injury or serious physical injury that is not by accident (including attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit)